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## City Council Article Nicole Omer - District #3

### VOTING – A Right and a Duty

First, to the voters of District #3 who selected me to serve on the City Council, it is truly an honor. Thank you!

In my first venture into writing an article for the City's News Journal, I am fortunate that there are some obvious topics currently being discussed. There are two bond elections scheduled for Primary Election Day on June 22, the outcomes of which will have a major impact on our City and the quality of life of many of its residents. One election involves the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center (CHRC), and the other is for the Canyons School District. Both elections are requests to the public for approval to utilize bonds as a means of borrowing money to provide for some long overdue capital improvements.

As citizens of Cottonwood Heights we have a right and a duty to educate ourselves about these issues and

to vote. I strongly believe that an educated and active constituency is vital to the betterment of our City. To support this, I've decided to dedicate my first message to objectively sharing well-researched and (as best I can) unbiased information on these two election issues.

#### Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

Mike Peterson, CHRC Director, recently addressed the City Council and presented the need for their bond, and to answer our questions. My research includes that presentation, subsequent communications with Mr. Peterson, and information available at the CHRC and on its website.

Consider the following: The majority of the physical plant at CHRC is over 40 years old. Naturally, much of it needs repair. Specifically, install new roofs for the indoor pools, racquetball courts, and aerobics room; remodel the aquatic facility; replace lockers,

showers, and plumbing accessories in the women's dressing room; put in a centralized HVAC systems with automatic controls, ventilation, and air handling systems; remove and replace deteriorating plumbing infrastructure and boilers with modern energy-efficient systems; enhance pool filtration systems; improve handicap accessibility and overall security; and upgrade irrigation and water systems.

The total bond is for authorization to borrow \$4.9 million. If approved, an annual property tax increase of \$16 will be required on a \$327,000 home to pay the debt service on the bond. This additional tax will be required for 12 years. If the bond is not approved, both safety and functionality will become major issues in future use of the Recreation Center. Please visit the CHRC website at [www.cottonwoodheights.com](http://www.cottonwoodheights.com) or visit the Rec. Center for additional information.

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## PRIMARY ELECTION

*Bonding and Candidate choices to make*



**JUNE 22ND IS PRIMARY ELECTION DAY!!!** Now is the time to check that summer calendar and be sure a few moments are set aside on that day to vote; or, to look into early voting, which began on June 1st at the County Building and will begin at other locations on June 8th. Also, there is still the possibility of mail-in voting, which can be done until June 21st. Having a lot of opportunities to vote really minimizes the legitimate excuses one might have had in previous years for not voting, but not in 2010.

Regular voting will be on Tuesday, June 22, at a polling location near your home. Information on those polling places will be forthcoming from the County Clerk's office. It

will be in all the papers, so anyone will have a source from which to get the information they need about precincts and voting locations. This information is also available on the County website, [www.co.slc.ut.us](http://www.co.slc.ut.us), and can be accessed anytime. Or, if the internet doesn't work for you a phone call or visit to County Election Headquarters (801-468-3427) at 2001 South State Street in Salt Lake City, will get you the information.

Mail-in-voting is going on now, and a visit to the County Clerk's website will enable you to find appropriate instructions. But, don't wait until the last minute to check the website because mail-in-voting requires some preliminary steps in order to have a ballot mailed to you

in time for you to vote and get it back to the County Elections Office on time.

Early voting is also going on now and it's just like going to a polling place to vote, except it's less crowded and hectic. Early voting began at the County Building Elections Division on June 1st and will be available until June 18th, at 2001 South State, South Building, Suite S1100, any weekday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Early voting will also be available at the Cottonwood Heights' city office beginning on June 8th until June 18th, on weekdays from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. If it isn't convenient for you to go to the Cottonwood Heights' City Offices, you can

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## PRIMARY ELECTION

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go to Draper, Sandy, Murray, Holladay, Taylorsville, etc., virtually any city in the valley except Salt Lake City. Wherever you choose to vote, you will be faced with two bond issues, as discussed in Councilwoman Omer's article beginning on page 1 of this paper. That election is, of course, non-partisan.

Because the Republican party allows only registered Republicans to vote in the primaries, one must decide whether he/she is a Republican or of a different political persuasion. The U. S. Senate Primary between Tim Bridgewater and Mike Lee, is on the Republican ballot. You can register Republican at the polling place. Other Republican races include a County Council At-Large seat being contested by Richard Snelgrove and Winston Wilkinson. Those not voting Republican can vote in the U. S. Representative District #2 Democrat Primary for either Jim Matheson or Claudia Wright. A sample ballot can be found at the City website: [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov).



## City Council Article

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### Canyons School District

Canyons District Superintendent, Dr. David Doty, and members of his staff and board appeared before the City Council business meeting on May 11. School District information comes from that presentation and the Canyons website.

Canyons District is proposing to bond for \$250 million to be paid back over 20 years. The bond will pay for the following 13 priorities: a new high school in Draper; upgrade of Brighton and Hillcrest high schools; rebuild or renovate Butler Elementary, Midvale Elementary, Butler Middle, Midvale Middle, Mount Jordan Middle and an elementary school in the unincorporated area; address seismic issues at Sandy Elementary; enclose classrooms and install air conditioning at Albion, Crescent View, and Indian Hills Middle Schools.

The projects will provide modern facilities to help accomplish the Canyons Board of Education's goal that all students graduate from high school ready for college and careers. Last February, the Board approved Utah's first advanced diplomas program to connote career / college-readiness.

The bond proposal will keep the current debt service tax rate constant over time. In 2003, before Canyons School District was created, voters in the old Jordan School District approved a \$281 million

bond to upgrade buildings. In 2007, Jordan District's east-side communities voted to create the Canyons District. Though no longer part of Jordan District, Canyons taxpayers still are paying a significant portion of the 2003 bond debt through 2022. The Canyons' proposed bond is structured such that as the 2003 bond payments start to decrease, the new bond payments will ramp up, thus holding debt service tax rates steady. This is referred to as a tax-rate neutral bond. If the bond is not approved, taxes will decrease as the Jordan debt decreases. However, the Canyons District goals will likely not be met and other means will have to be used to ensure the safety and functionality of the current facilities.

I encourage those seeking more information to visit the Canyons website at [www.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.canyonsdistrict.org). Another thing to consider is the impact of this bond on the quality of education and other funding priorities.

Finally, voting is going on now at the County building and will begin at the City offices on June 8 for those wishing to vote prior to Primary Election Day, which is June 22nd (see Primary Election article elsewhere in this NEWS JOURNAL). We have a chance to make a real difference in our City by educating ourselves on these issues and then voting our consciences.

HISTORICAL  
QUESTION

**Historical Question for June:** Cottonwood Heights is the home of a world-class figure skating judge. Who is that person? *(find answer on later page)*

## Calling All Cancer Survivors!

You're Invited to The Cottonwood Heights' Relay-for-Life Survivors' Annual Dinner

**When:** Friday, June 25th, 6:00 pm

**Where:** Butler Park Pavilion

**Who:** Cancer survivors and their caregivers

**R.S.V.P:** Melissa Lowry 801-953-5609 or email [Melissa@lowrymail.com](mailto:Melissa@lowrymail.com)

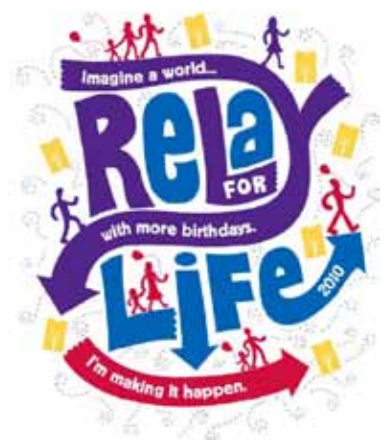
"We welcome all Cottonwood Heights' cancer survivors," said Melissa Lowry, who has organized the dinner for the past three years. "Last year we hosted about 60 survivors and their caregivers. They enjoyed dinner from Noodles & Co and were addressed by Mayor Cullimore. We anticipate another great event this year."

"The Noodles & Co dinner is an important part of Relay-for-Life because this is one

opportunity to honor and celebrate those that have defeated cancer and those who are currently battling," she said. "Survivors are the heart of Relay."

This year's Relay theme is celebrating more birthdays, and the birthday theme will play out at the dinner. "We'll have a lot of birthday cake," Melissa said; "and even more important than the food, is the esprit de corps that develops during dinner," she added. "It's a good place to talk with others who have been in similar situations; a special relationship permeates, and the resulting fellowship is enjoyed by everyone."

**A SPECIAL PLEA** - Support our community partners who are sponsoring this dinner. It wouldn't happen without their contributions. Please visit their locations and websites.





## Chief's CORNER

### BEING PART OF THE SOLUTION

Law enforcement often relies on the people they serve to help solve crimes and to prevent problems that may lead to misdeeds. We routinely receive information from phone and email tips, personal contacts, interviews, etc., that help us with our investigative work. This month's Chief's Corner is focused on two things citizens can do to help with the work of the police in Cottonwood Heights.

#### CALL THE TIP LINE OR EMAIL US:

801-944-7102  
tips@chpolice.org

Even though most citizens are anxious to help, on occasion there are those who, on the surface, resist our attempts to elicit information. Reasons for this are verbalized as: fear of a perpetrator, resistance to appearing too cooperative with police, and dislike of being interrogated. These people will be cooperative if given an opportunity to do so anonymously. Hence, the TIP LINE. This resource provides a means whereby citizens can

give information with minimal and anonymous contact with the police. Thus, tipsters are given a sense of security while

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also being able to do the "right thing." (Phone number and email address are both listed above.)

#### DISCOURAGING PANHANDLERS

During the past few weeks, CHPD has received complaints from residents about the panhandlers at the corner of the south/westbound exit of I-215 and Highland Drive (2000 East), and at egress points to our shopping centers.

I agree that the act of "panhandling" is distasteful and unsightly. But, it is legal in Cottonwood Heights! Previous law allowed police officers to

arrest violators under a loitering ordinance, but that has been overturned by some courts that find such prohibitions or restrictions to be a violation of free speech. If the panhandler is in a private property parking lot, such as Target, they can be charged with trespassing and removed. But, if they are standing on the side of a public roadway, we cannot take action unless they happen to step onto the road to accept a donation.

We do monitor their behavior and respond to complaints if they are interfering with traffic, threatening people in the way they ask for money, or becoming physical with



Chief Robby Russo

someone. I understand from my officers that the citizens of our great City are quite generous; these beggars can earn \$200-\$300 a day.

I think people really want to help out other human beings and most consider this an act of generosity and kindness. However, there is no way to differentiate those who are needy, those who are addicts, or those taking advantage of one's compassion. Most people think they are really helping someone in need.

The role of the citizen in discouraging panhandlers is, in lieu of handing out dollars at the side of the road, consider donating to the food bank, homeless shelters, benevolent organizations or other reputable organizations. For more information or other crime prevention tips, please contact CHPD at (801) 944-7100.

**Stay safe!**



## Community Culture

#### Audition Announcement

Auditions are now scheduled for Cottonwood Heights' production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," directed by Kate Rufener.

ALL AGES WELCOME! Get involved with your community! Community Theater makes a great family summer project; so bring your kids to the audition! Kids, bring your parents!

**When:** Monday, June 14, and Tuesday, June 15, 7-10 pm.

**Where:** Cottonwood Heights Elementary - 2415 E. Bengal Blvd.

**What:** Come prepared with 16 bars of an upbeat Broadway musical. Resume and headshot preferred. Dress comfortably to learn a basic dance combination. Also, bring your summer schedule.



Performance dates will be August 6, 7, 9, 12, 13. For more details, check out our blog. <http://cottonwoodjoseph.blogspot.com/>

#### Butlerville Days Art Expo

Last call for submissions for the Arts Expo at Butlerville Days! Download submission guidelines from the city website, under Butlerville Days: [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov/)



#### Arts Council Newsletter

The first issue of our quarterly newsletter is now available! If you would like to receive the newsletter through your email or your mailbox, please send your address to: [amy.charts@gmail.com](mailto:amy.charts@gmail.com)

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**CITY OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED  
July 5th  
Independence Day  
AND  
July 23rd  
Pioneer Days!!**







## HISTORICAL ANSWERS

### Answer to June's Historical Committee question:

Ida Shimizu Tateoka was born in Idaho in 1923 and moved with her parents and family, including her brother, former Salt Lake City Commissioner, Tom Shimizu, to the Cottonwood Heights area in 1944. When she married, she moved from the area but has since returned and is now a resident of Cottonwood Heights.

Ida, who was named for Idaho, became a member of Utah Figure Skating Club in 1951 and became a Trial Judge in 1953. After spending years perfecting her judging skills, she became a World Judge in Ice Dance, Singles and Pairs in 1982. She has judged several international competitions, including the Men's Event, won by Scott Hamilton at the 1984 Winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo. She was a member of the delegation chosen to attend the Budapest, Hungary, IOC meeting where it was announced that "The City of Salt Lake City" was chosen to host the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

There are four primary issues on which the Planning Commission, City Council, and planning staff are currently working. Some have been under discussion for some time and decisions will be made shortly, others are on-going and additional research and hearings are planned before decisions are made. An update on each of those issues follows:

### Tall Building General Plan Study

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 5, 2010, regarding a study of our general plan and the consideration of buildings taller than six stories in our City. The meeting was well attended with about 90 citizens, of which about one-third publicly shared their views on tall buildings. The areas under consideration for taller buildings are three very distinct geographical locations: **a.)** the Old Mill Corporate Center pad IV (requested development); **b.)** the Wasatch Gravel Pit (future potential development); and, **c.)** the Union Park Office Park (future potential development). No decisions have been made on the issue. The Planning Commission will first take the matter under advisement after receiving the public input from the May 5 public hearing and via much written correspondence leading up to that date. After the Planning Commission has reached a decision on the matter, it will make a recommendation to the City Council, who will then make the final decision on the matter. Please check the City website or call the planning department at 801-944-7060 for further information.

### Tavaci

Early in 2010, the City Council appointed a special Tavaci Citizens Committee, consisting of concerned citizens from throughout the City, to review the proposed Canyon Resort Residential (CRR) Zone. After reviewing the recommendations of that Committee, the City Council instructed the staff to abandon the CRR Zone concept and to review an amended development concept for the Tavaci site, located near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The new development concept being investigated excludes commercial and hotel uses and focuses heavily on residential development density similar to the surrounding neighborhoods. The goal of the new direction is to potentially cluster homes or condominiums on the property in a manner that will offer the best possible view-shed, environmental, and other development impact protection at the site. The process for evaluating this new concept for Tavaci includes research and development of a Residential Village ordinance, Planning Commission review of the ordinance, public input on the development concept and ordinance, and, ultimately, a City Council decision. Please check the City website or call the planning department at 801-944-7060 for further information.

### Canyon Racquet Club

The Canyon Racquet Club has been vacant for a few years now. Recently, the City Council, acting in their role as the Community Development Renewal Agency (CDRA), designated the site as a study area for redevelopment. The property is currently vacant and is zoned Mixed Use (MU). While site planning and preferred uses have not been finalized, the CDRA is looking forward in anticipation of development of a mixed-use development at the former Canyon Racquet Club. Updates will be available on our website regarding future meetings of the CDR and any development plans.

### Sensitive Lands Review

Work has been on-going regarding a review of the prescriptive guidelines for development on and around sensitive lands in the City. The work on this ordinance has been accelerated due to feedback from the Tavaci citizens committee. The City is home to many natural hazard features, including earthquakes faults, ground liquefaction, flooding, rock fall, debris flow, etc. A team of outside consultants, City staff, and others have been working hard at reviewing and revising the current standard of care and development regulations regarding these geologic and hydrologic hazards. The team is nearing completion in drafting revised regulations, which began more than a year ago, and will present a proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission as early as July 2010. Public input will be sought on the ordinance soon after it is presented to the Planning Commission. The Cottonwood Heights' website will provide information on future public hearings.

## FREE DUMP PASSES

Get your FREE DUMP PASS to use in June and make the trip to the landfill less painful. Passes are for green and bulk waste and will be available at City Hall on June 1st.



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The June meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, June 1st**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting - Budget
- **Tuesday, June 8th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, June 15th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, June 22nd**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting - Adopt 2010-11 Budget
- **Tuesday, June 29th**  
FIFTH TUESDAY, COUNCIL MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD





## FORT UNION BLVD. UPGRADE SCHEDULE

The April and May issues of the **NEWS JOURNAL** and the Valley Journal each had major articles discussing the plans for improving and re-surfacing Fort Union Blvd. That project, which is being funded primarily by a \$1 million grant from the State of Utah, begins in June; and a schedule has been agreed to that will be followed as closely as possible, taking into consideration the variables of weather, traffic, materials availability, equipment durability, and manpower.

The pre-construction meeting was held on May 18. City Public Works Director, Mike Allen, and City Engineer, Brad Gilson, met with representatives of Granite Construction and agreed to the goals and a timetable for construction.

It is probably not necessary to remind residents of the City that Fort Union is the major east/west corridor in our City, and traffic is reasonably heavy most all day, every day; and Highland Drive is the primary north/south corridor, with the intersection of those two major collector roads being one of the busiest in Salt Lake County. Those who can avoid using Fort Union and the intersection at Highland Drive will undoubtedly save time by taking another route to circumvent the construction. We are fortunate to have I-215 on our north border and Creek Road on the south, along with Bengal Blvd., to carry east and west traffic. Wasatch Blvd., 3000 East, 2300 East and 1300 East will likely be impacted by the displaced north/south travelers. All of these routes will avoid the Fort Union/Highland Drive intersection.

**The proposed timetable for construction is as follows:**

The project actually started on the first of June with the beginning of installation of concrete curb, gutter, and drives. On June 6 and 7, the orange barrels will be placed and utilities lowered in preparation for the milling of the asphalt on the north side of Fort Union, between 1700 East and Highland Drive. On June 14, the milling of that stretch of road will begin. The milling process is to lower the entire roadway by three inches of asphalt build-up that has occurred over the many years since the last major rehabilitation. It will also leave the street with not as much incline from the curb to the center of the road. Immediately following the milling, the grading and prep-work for the asphalt will be done and the new asphalt will be placed on the north side of Fort Union from 1700 East to Highland Drive on or about June 17.

Around June 21, traffic will be switched to the north side of Fort Union, and the same process will be started for the south side of the west leg from 1700 East to Highland Drive. The island on Fort Union at 1495 East will also be removed and patched and new striping will be used to enhance movement of vehicles making left turns onto Park Center Dr. The south side will be milled and new asphalt placed by June 25.

This same process will be repeated on the east legs of Fort Union from Highland Drive to near 2300 East. This part of the project will begin about July 2, with the milling process preceding the asphalt installation. On approximately July 19, traffic will be switched to the north side of the road, and the south side from Highland Drive to near 2300 East will be completed. Final project completion is scheduled for July 30.

Other notes of interest to residents, especially those who routinely travel Fort Union and the

north/south cross streets are: The City has acquired permission to do all of the work at the Fort Union and Highland Drive Intersection during the night-time. This will greatly minimize traffic problems at that intersection. Also, there are message boards with project information set up on all four legs of the project. They will be updated with current information throughout the project. Public information telephone numbers will be answered 24/7.

Granite Construction workers and City Public Works staff are well prepared for this project; and, barring unforeseen circumstances, it will be completed on time and without significant delays. The third component of a successful project, those who travel the impacted area, can do their part by avoiding Fort Union Blvd. as much as possible during construction. Obviously, the fewer vehicles to be dealt with, the faster and smoother the project will be completed.



## Precinct Holds Mock Communication Drill

The Butler West 11th Precinct, in conjunction with the City of Cottonwood Heights, held a mock communication drill on Saturday May 22nd. The drill involved 17 blocks of approximately 10 homes each. Every block had a captain who distributed colored packets to all residences on their street. The colored packets were designed after the "stop light plus black model." All packets contained one sheet each of red, yellow, green, and black paper, along with instructions. Residents in the Butler West 11th Precinct were asked to keep those papers safe in a hall closet for upcoming drills and/or a real emergency.

In preparation for the May 22nd drill, the residents of this neighborhood placed their green sheets of paper in a front facing window or on their door every week during the month of April. The block captains then made sweeps through their neighborhood to count the papers. They reported their findings

by radio to their communication specialist. Each captain was trained how to properly transmit over the radio.

Then on May 22nd, a local emergency preparedness leader readied eight "situation" envelopes and asked several neighbors to post colors other than green in their windows. This simulation was designed to test the block captains, the communication specialist, local CERT volunteers, emergency preparedness volunteers, runners, and the city-wide system.

The event was a huge success! It began at 10 am, and by 11 am 100% of the 289 homes in the Butler West 11th Precinct had a status report given to the communication specialist by radio. He then transmitted those status reports by HAM radio to the Butler West District by 12:15 pm. The district reported the status of each home to Cottonwood Heights' emergency personnel by 1:30 pm.

Additional detail for those responsible for emergency preparedness in their own precincts is available under Hot Topics on the City website at: [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov).

Jill Stratford Waldron, resident of the Butler West 11th Precinct, was responsible for the drill and provided this report.





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### With a Western Theme

Butlerville Days for 2010 will once again have a western theme and will be highlighted by the Mechanical Bull from The Buck Wild Mechanical Bull Company. Those who came close but couldn't quite talk themselves into getting on the bull last year will now have another chance to show-off for someone. Remember, in case you can't stick the bull, an air filled mattress occupies the landing zone. Cowboy boots and western wear are not required to get on the bull, but they are encouraged for all Butlerville Day events again this year. The western theme will be accentuated when those attending dress appropriately; even if the only western thing you own is a cowboy hat, wear it.

In addition to the western theme and the bucking bull, some new venues have been added. A new main stage will feature the entertainment; and jousting contests will be held for teenagers.

The parade is again scheduled for 4 pm and will travel from Butler Elementary School, north to south, along 27th East and disband near the Cottonwood Heights Elementary School. Following the parade, festivities will begin at Butler Park, behind the Recreation Center, the Middle School, and Cottonwood Heights' Elementary School.

Performances on the new main stage will begin at 4:30 pm and continue until 9:30 pm. The featured entertainers will again be Eclipse, who just returned from Hong King, China, where they won an international competition for A Capella groups. As usual, the evening's climax will be a fireworks display set to music.



## Safety Message

### PREVENTING VEHICLE BACK-OVER'S

Between 1997 and 2003, more than 20 Utah children were killed and more than 415 were seriously injured by vehicles backing over them. In 2004 alone, 10 children were killed. Every six days a child is run over in a driveway or parking lot. You can help reduce these statistics and prevent the associated pain, suffering, and death by taking these few simple precautions:

#### Prevention Steps:

- Before driving, walk around the vehicle and check the driveway
- Be extra careful if you drive an SUV or truck.
- Teach children not to play in, under, or around vehicles
- Supervise children closely when vehicles are moving
- Adjust the driver's seat as needed to see clearly out the rear window
- Roll down windows and listen for children
- Adjust side and rear mirrors to reduce blind spots

#### Major Risk Factors Are:

- Children under 5 years of age
- High-profile vehicles, such as SUV's, vans, and trucks
- Vehicles traveling in reverse
- Rushed and distracted drivers

Please take into consideration that driveways and parking lots are extensions of roadways. For more tips on child safety visit: [www.primarychildrens.org](http://www.primarychildrens.org).



Assist Chief Mike Watson

## BUDGET PRIORITIZING AND PRUNING

City Finance Director, Steve Fawcett, introduced his first draft of a proposed 2010 – 2011 budget in a City Council work session on Tuesday, May 4th with the following comment: "There are no tax increases proposed in this budget. There are no new fees proposed in this budget, and there are no increases in fees proposed in this budget."

That, of course, was music to the ears of City Council members. However, the steps taken to reach that point were not as sweet sounding as Mr. Fawcett explained, "There has been much transition, reorganization, and, for the first time, layoff of City staff."

Since that initial presentation, the City Council has continued through the statutorily prescribed budgeting process with adoption of the tentative

budget on May 11th. Following that official step in the process, a public hearing was held on May 25th with few attendees. The Council is now in process of reviewing the budget as they await the final property tax rate information. Once that information is known, they will make adjustments to the tentative budget and adopt the final budget at their June 22nd City Council Meeting.

The proposed budget totals \$21,475,048. This is the total of a \$14,714,264 General Fund and \$6,760,784 Capital Improvements

Fund. It is approximately \$2 million less than the 2008 – 09 budget of \$23,501,169 and reflects a significant reduction in sales tax collections and serious pruning of personnel costs through salary freezes, attrition, and layoffs. A major effort is being made to maintain City services. With conservative revenue projections in an unstable economy, the proposed budget is balanced as required by Utah Code 10-6-227. Appropriations do not exceed estimated expendable revenue.

*Those wanting more detail on the proposed budget can access that document on the City website: [www.ch.utah.gov](http://www.ch.utah.gov), or in the City Recorder's office at City Hall.*





## SALT LAKE CITY PROPOSES WATER RATE INCREASE

Representatives of the Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities met with the Cottonwood Heights City Council on May 18 to explain the need for a proposed rate increase. That utility company provides water to 95% of the residences in our City. They indicated that the Salt Lake City Council, which actually controls our water rates, will vote on the matter on June 22, in conjunction with their other budget matters. If approved, the increase of “approximately \$1.79 per month” will become effective on July 1, 2010.

The Salt Lake water department currently uses a tier system for setting water fees, and they are also adding a fourth tier to their fee structure which will be effective during the summer months. The tier system is referred to as a “Conservation Rate Structure” and works on an increasing scale such that those who use more water will pay higher fees in each step of the tier. The purpose for the gradual increase is to discourage overuse of water in the summer. It works just the opposite of most tier sales systems where the more one buys the less expensive each item becomes (the reason many of us shop at Costco and Sam’s).

In the water tier system under which we are currently charged, we pay



\$1.19 per 100 cubic feet (ccf) (748 gallons) of water up to 10,000 ccf. The fee then increases to \$1.83 per ccf from 10,000 to 30,000 ccf and \$2.54 from 30,000 to 70,000 ccf. The proposed fees will increase to \$1.26, \$1.93, and \$2.67 respectively. The new proposed fourth tier, which is for summer use only, will be at \$2.80 per ccf for usage above 70,000 ccf. If one wants to monitor water usage to have some control over the tier they reach, they can take periodic readings of their water meter to measure the number of ccf’s being used.

*While meeting with the City Council, the public utilities representatives answered the following three questions relating to the proposed rate increases:*

- 1. What are the rate increases for?** The proposed increases are primarily for infrastructure replacement. The funds will be used to replace 34,000 feet of water main and an expansion of the valve replacement program. Many valves used to shut-off water when repairs are needed are currently failing before they are replaced. The new system will replace valves in a more timely manner and save money and time when valves need to be used for system repair.
- 2. Why are rates to be increased now?** Favorable bond ratings and an excellent credit rating are suggested as the primary motivation for increasing these fees at this time. The additional funds

will enable the water department to have the matching funds required to secure both grant and stimulus funding; thus, increasing the value of every dollar spent on upgrading the infrastructure. It is also important for customers to realize that many of the planned projects are needed during the next five years, and this will be true with or without the rate increase.

### 3. How will the rate increase affect Cottonwood Heights’ customers?

As explained above, the proposal is for an approximate increase of \$1.79 per month on the average water bill. That increase will raise each connection’s water bill by about 5% per month. It is also estimated that 3% of customers will pay in the new fourth tier (\$2.80 per ccf) during the summer months.

Those desiring additional detail can go to [www/slch2o.com](http://www/slch2o.com) or call 801-483-6900 x3. Cottonwood Heights does not have a water department and will not be able to answer questions, other than as presented in this article.

## Special Olympic Torch Run Participants



Cottonwood Heights’ officials gather on Thursday, May 27, 2010, in front of the City Offices, with Special Olympians and City Staff as they complete the Cottonwood Heights’ leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run. Police Chief Robby Russo, City Manager Liane Stillman, and Councilmember Scott Bracken in center of photo.



City Manager Liane Stillman, Chief Robby Russo, and police officer representing sponsoring agency gather around Special Olympian Brett Banford at Cottonwood Heights’ stop on Torch Run.



## Butlerville Days

### Entertainer and Sponsor Opportunities

#### ENTERTAINER ALERT!

The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is seeking entertainers to perform at Butlerville Days on July 24th. Performance times are available from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Butlerville Days is a family-oriented event and all performances will occur on the main stage. Singers! Instrumentalists! Dancers! All are welcome, either as individuals or groups. All ages will be considered and are invited to auditions in late June at a time and place TBA. Those interested should e-mail a brief description of your talent and performance history to Brian Allen, [brian@evvivaent.com](mailto:brian@evvivaent.com). Performers are non-paid volunteers. Scheduling of performers will be at the discretion of the Butlerville Days committee.

#### SPONSORS SOUGHT

The Cottonwood Heights Butlerville Days committee needs sponsors to assist in making our Butlerville Days celebration on July 24th the best yet. Varying levels of sponsorships are available. The committee is announcing that this year The Mix, 107.9, will be our media partner and will be broadcasting from the event. Sponsors will receive media exposure on their website and during their airtime. Sponsors will also be prominently featured at the event. Attendance is anticipated to exceed 12,000. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to have their name featured before a captive audience in a fun, energetic, community setting. Please contact Brian Allen at 801-661-2922 or via email at [brian@evvivaent.com](mailto:brian@evvivaent.com) for further details.





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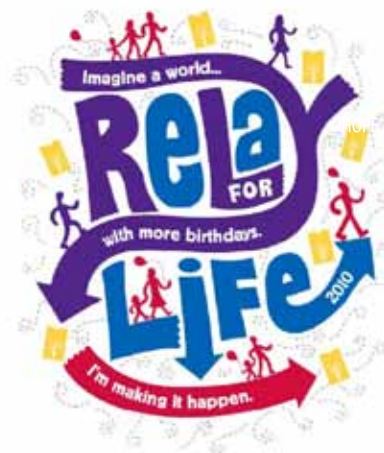
## Roger Kehr receives award for excellence

Cottonwood Heights resident Roger Kehr, N3AOQ, communication guru extraordinaire, has been honored as the HAM OF THE YEAR by the Rocky Mountain Division of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League). For the novice, the HAM designation is to communications devotees what GEEK is to computer whizzes. And, regardless of the humor attached, it is a prestigious award given only to the well deserving. Once again, the City is indebted to Roger for his untiring efforts on our behalf and for his superior skills in emergency communication systems. As this article is being written, Roger is in Casper, WY, attending the Rocky Mountain Division Convention where he will officially be presented with this award.

This award recognizes Roger's leadership in bringing Cottonwood Heights into the 21st Century with



its emergency communications system. Those who read this NEWS JOURNAL will recognize him as our Citizen Spotlight from a few months ago. In typical Roger Kehr fashion, he stated about this award, "The honor truly belongs to Bob Fowler and many others in our City who have made our progress possible. As any HAM will tell you, it takes at least two people to run an antenna feed line, and our City has scores of volunteers who are part of this honor. This award is meant for ALL of the Cottonwood Heights' radio amateurs."



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## RELAY FOR LIFE 2010

**JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> and 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
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